

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of, and claims priority to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/134,455, which was filed on April 30, 2002. This application also claims benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/538,485 (abandoned), which was filed on March 30, 2000. Lastly, this application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/126,970, which was filed on March 30, 1999.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 23-28 without prejudice.

As noted above, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and 23-28 of this application, and hereby request that calculation of the filing fee for, and initial examination of this application be conducted in connection with the remaining claims, i.e., claims 19-22 and 29-34.

Applicants also have amended the specification herein to reflect that this application is a continuation of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/134,455, and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/538,485 (abandoned) and that both of these applications claims priority to, and incorporates by reference the entirety of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/126,970.

Applicants respectfully request early consideration and allowance of this continuation application.